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MEMORANDUM FOR: Colonel White

1. Principal issues in this paper seem to be the Area Training Program and the Intelligence Literature Program.

2. AREA TRAINING PROGRAM. The paper states in almost so many words that this program is to be abandoned. Actually, there are about 4 people currently engaged full-time in conducting this training in regard to [REDACTED] with Far East coverage to begin soon. Of the 4 persons doing this work, 3 are under the ceiling, the one additional being detailed from OCI. From conversation with [REDACTED] I believe OTR intends to continue Area Training at the present volume and scope with the same 4 slots becoming regularized within the ceiling through the process of attrition within OTR's ~~hope~~. 25X1A6a

3. Were the intent to abandon Area Training to be taken literally then, of course, and purely as a matter of logic, the personnel now engaged in this work would become surplus to OTR's needs. Perhaps you will wish Matt to clarify his stand on Area Training in disposing of this request for 19 additional positions. In this connection, I would point out that there is in DD/I and DD/P rather well-recognized need for Area Training although I do not believe the need is so well understood as to have resulted in specific requirements which would support the 24 or 20 or even 10 slots that have been requested by Matt for this purpose. In short, the 4 slots now being utilized represents some effort in an area that most everybody thinks "something" should be done.

4. INTELLIGENCE LITERATURE PROGRAM. The implication of Matt's paper is that this program was also to be abandoned since OTR cannot provide within the [REDACTED] ceiling the 2 positions necessary to maintain the activity. In this connection I would point out that a JOT has been working on this program with his slot on his back for a year or more. The clerical help has come from the Intelligence school. This program has been launched with some trumpeting and fan-fare outside as well as within this Agency, and I am sure that Matt would not actually abandon it without first attempting to find a home for it among one of the other offices. In this case, of course, there is pressure from another side since the JOT who has been doing this work falls among those whom Matt is obliged to move off JOT status as soon as possible. Here again I believe you might well seek clarification from Matt so that DD/S does not unwittingly become a party to the abandonment of Agency activity that seems to have a legitimate and worthwhile purpose.

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